

**\*\* E-filed July 29, 2010 \*\***

NOT FOR CITATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and  
DAVID PALMER, Revenue Officer,

No. C08-04823 JF

Plaintiffs,

**ORDER EXCUSING PERSONAL  
ATTENDANCE AT SETTLEMENT  
CONFERENCE**

v.

KEVIN and NANCY RYAN,

Defendants.

By written request dated July 18, 2010, plaintiff United States of America, by and through its counsel, Thomas M. Newman, requested that the individual with full settlement authority be excused from personally appearing at the settlement conference in this case, scheduled for August 13, 2010. According to Mr. Newman, the individual with full settlement authority is Richard Ward, Chief of the Western Section of the Tax Division of the United States Department of Justice. No opposition was filed by any party, and the time for doing so has now expired.

Having considered the Government's request, and good cause appearing, the Court grants the request, provided that Mr. Ward remain available by telephone from 9:30 a.m. Pacific Standard Time until further notice on August 13, 2010. If the Court concludes, however, that the absence of Mr. Ward is interfering with the settlement conference, the Court may continue the settlement conference and may order personal attendance by each party.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: July 29, 2010

  
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HOWARD R. LLOYD  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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